

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re:	Israel Rubinstein et al.	Confirmation No:	8917
Application No:	09/922,220	Group:	1797
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For:	Method and apparatus for detecting and quantifying a chemical substance employing an optical transmission property of metallic islands on a transparent substrate		
Customer No.:	29127		
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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

**Commissioner for Patents**

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Sir:

In the above-captioned patent application and in response to the pending final Office Action, mailed January 7, 2009 (Paper No. 20081223), a Request for Continued Examination is hereby made. Accordingly, entry of the following amendments and reconsideration are requested in view of the following remarks.

-amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims in the Listing of Claims section; and

Finally, reconsideration is requested in view of the remarks set forth in the Remarks section.

A three-month extension is requested for this response.